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Individuals & Societies
Study Abroad

Why study abroad?
Studying abroad expands your understanding of the world and helps you develop usable skills, such as adaptability and intercultural communication, that are in high demand by employers and graduate programs.

What kinds of programs are there?
With over 500 programs approved for UW students you are bound to find something that fits your needs.

UW Faculty-Led Programs:
• Short-term (2 weeks)
• Early Fall Exploration Seminars (3-4 weeks)
• Summer Term A or B (4-5 weeks)
• Quarter-long

Partner Programs: Summer or semester programs organized by non-UW organizations

University Exchanges: Semester / year long programs at UW partnering universities

Internships: Quarter long professional placements through Omprakash, CIEE, IES, etc.

When can I study abroad?
You can study abroad any time during your college career and we have programs ranging from a couple weeks to a full year, all of which guarantee UW credits. We encourage students to consider studying abroad early in their college career so the opportunity is available to study abroad again if they desire. There may be more flexibility in course scheduling during a student’s first couple of years while they complete the general area of knowledge requirements. It is important to meet with your academic advisor to make sure your study abroad credits will fit well with your academic schedule. If you love it the first time, you may want to consider an internship.

Can I afford it?
Absolutely! Program fees vary greatly depending on the program, but with good planning an affordable study abroad experience is possible. Most types of financial aid can be applied to UW-approved programs, and there is a list of scholarships available to students studying abroad on our website. Be sure to plan ahead! Make an appointment with us and we can help you start your scholarship search, both Study Abroad Advising and the UWB Writing and Communication Center can help polish up application essays.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Not necessarily. While many exchanges and partner programs may have a foreign language requirement, there are plenty of programs primarily in English. Study abroad does provide a fantastic chance to start learning a new language as you will practice the native language when speaking with locals. A lot of programs also incorporate introductory language lessons into their curriculum.

How do I start?
Explore! Follow the link at the bottom of this page to review the tips and resources, search for programs, or set up an appointment to meet with a Study Abroad Advisor. Questions to consider when looking for a program:

What do I want to study?
How long do I want to go?
Do I prefer to go with a UW group or have an independent experience?
What degree requirements can study abroad fulfill?

Kelsey Bolinger, Norway, 2014

Helen Kapitonenko, Sahara Desert, 2016

“<span class="text-align-center">I see how lively and friendly the people are. From the taxi drivers to the cashiers to the street vendors to the people at the beaches. I have experienced the genuine hospitality that my host family has provided for me.”</span>
Esther Ndungu, Brazil, 2017
Individuals & Societies* Programs of Interest

*All UW Faculty-led programs listed below fulfill the I&S credit requirement for UW degrees.

**Corporate Social Responsibility in Southeast Asia**
UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Thailand & Cambodia
This three-week study tour will explore the concepts, practices and impacts of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs in Southeast Asia. Some of the trends and issues examined include urban poverty, literacy, public health, environmental stress, workplace health and safety issues, and migration.

**Americans in Europe: Exile & Belonging**
UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer B-Term | Europe
Following in the footsteps of artists, revolutionaries, exiles, and travelers before us, this program will take students from Madrid to León to Paris in an exploration of transnational cultural exchange, migration, and belonging. Our focus on the politics of travel and study abroad, the Spanish Civil War, and Black cultural production in Paris will allow us to situate ourselves as embodied travelers, thinkers, and cultural producers alongside the writers and artists we study.

**LSJ UK and the Netherlands: Comparative Punishment: The United States, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands**
UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer A-Term | Europe
This program will compare punishment policies and practices in three countries: the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands. Students will be challenged to understand the politics and implications of punishment policies, with a particular focus on the experience of imprisonment. Students will be enrolled in a 2-credit preparatory seminar in spring quarter. Student instruction will include a mix of lectures, class discussions, interactions with criminal justice officials, and visits to prisons in each locale.

**Disability, Ageing and Development in Jamaica**
UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Jamaica
Exploring the lived experiences of persons with disabilities and older persons in Jamaica, this program is journey across the island. Students examine what it means to be "left behind" in the context of a developing country. Students will directly learn from these disadvantaged groups by coming together, advocating for their rights, and addressing the problems that they face. Jamaica is the ideal context to study these issues. It is a developing country experiencing radical demographic change. Development success has resulted in entirely new development challenges. Investments in basic health, the move from countryside to city, and new opportunities at home and abroad have meant that people live longer, have fewer kids, and experience new barriers to their meeting their needs.

**Honors Rome: Italy from Crisis to "Crisis"**
Urbanization, Migration, Politics, and Art
UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer A-Term | South Africa
This interdisciplinary program will explore how Italian society has experienced, constructed, and coped with crises both real and imagined from ancient times to the present. Drawing on history, political science, public health, security studies, economics, sociology, anthropology, literature, and art history, we'll tackle the challenges presented by two very different phenomena: urbanization and migration.

**CIEE Arts and Sciences Program in London, England - University College London**
Partner Program | Semester or Year | United Kingdom
From arts and humanities to social science, history, and STEM, you'll find challenging coursework across various academic disciplines to advance your degree. Outside the classroom, you will have every opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities and excursions organized by CIEE beyond the city to ensure you have an enriching experience of living and studying in England's most famous city.

**Hokkaido University**
Exchange | Customizable Terms | Japan
Hokkaido University is one of the top universities in Japan. Established in 1876, it follows the philosophies of "Frontier Spirit," "Global Perspectives," "All-round Education," and "Practical Learning." Sapporo is the birth pace of miso ramen and home to historical sites such as the Miaynomori Art Museum and the Hokkaido Shrine, making this university an ideal place to immerse yourself in Japanese culture and student life.

**SIT: Migration, Borders, and Transnational Communities**
Partner Program | Customizable Terms | Mexico
Discover the contemporary realities of international undocumented migration and border enforcement and their immense human impact and political and social tension in the context of Mexico, Central America, and the United States. Learn about the factors that lead to undocumented migration, while seeing firsthand the difference of US and Mexican borders.

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